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Geral FBI Questions (1)

Here is general information we need to know from FBI in order to clarify the Oswald matter, the Ruby matters, and the question of proper security. Just when these questions should be asked and from which person in the FBI, I am not sure but they are all points that should be covered sooner or later.

1. A list should be made of every contact FBI had with the Oswald matter from the first time they came in contact or were aware of him. When was the first report. List every other inquiry and report.

   Date -- the agent -- what his instructions were --the essence of his report. Why were they checking on him in each case and how was he classified as a risk or threat?

2. It is said FBI gives names to the Secret Service PRS file from time to time of people they think are potential dangers to the President. What would the criteria noramlly be for such a name being handed to Secret Service.

   In Oswald's case why didn't they give SS the name and backrgound?

   Did they give the SS any names in the Dallas area?

3. What is the normal liason between the FBI, SS, CIA, Immigration Depart.; ONI, G-2 etc. What exchanges of information took place between these agencies in the case of Oswald?

   ONI should have had facts of Oswald's courts martial and the special reason for it... did they transmit to FBI? Give each specific instance from 1959.

   CIA must have been interested in his activities and situation in Russia. Did they make any effort to follow him before or after his defection (a) his period in Russia (b)or his return to USA. For example, wouldn't they have been interested in the information in his diary about Minsk and the factory in Minsk. Was he interviewd by them as a counter-defector? If not, why not?

   Immigration Dept. should have been interested in the peculiar circumstances of Oswald's return. What do the FBI know abo ut these records. etc.

4. How does FBI usually handle records of "defectors" from the security standpoint. It is said there are now more than 150 in the files. How are they handled as security risks? When flagged?
5. How are they followed up?

6. What standards regarding risks are applied to known Communists, Fascists, Rascists? etc.

7. What recommendations would FBI experts make in the future for improvements in these arrangements?

8. The last call FBI made before the assassination on Ruth Paine involved the whereabouts of Oswalds current residence. She told them where he was working (Book Depository). What did agent Hosty or his superiors do to follow this up and determine his place of dwelling? If assassination had not happened when would this have been followed up in the normal routine. What actually happened to the file during the fateful period?

9. What has FBI done to check the credibility of witnesses? One eye-witness to the shooting turned out to have a very dubious background of credibility? What about this?

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General FBI Questions (continued 2)

10. Have any witnesses been given lie detector tests? Was any provision made to give Oswald a test prior to his having been moved (and shot) from the Dallas jail?

11. Were any other suspects apprehended, held, or considered at any time? What considerations have been given to possibility of other suspects?

12. The FBI is certainly aware of all the other types of "Plots" alledged by reporters, writers, and European reports What have they done since the assassination to check out these rumours and assertions or have they opened their minds to these possibilites:

A. Allegations that he (Oswald) was somehow connectedw with FBI. What other checks have been made beside affadavits? CIA

B. Speculation that he was working for Russians in some fashion?

C. Speculation that he was tied in with Cuba or Castro.

D. Speculations about connections with "mafia" or underworld?

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13. After the President's commission was apppointed to investigate etc., what instructions were issued to FBI with regard to further activity on their part? Did they continue to investigate, or only as requested by commission?

14. Is the Communist Party active in New Orleans? Who are its leaders? Have they been interrogated regarding their knwoeldge of Oswald? Did they recidive notice that he was a subscriber to various periodicals of their party, and that he wrote to some of their NY leaders?

The same question pertaining to the Dallas area. Did Communist Party leaders in Dallas know Ruby?

15. Oswald subscribed to a number of radical papers. When did he notify them of a change of address to Ruth Paines, so that they arrived there promptly after he left New Orleans? Who do the Workers records show on this change of notification? How much did the subscriptions cost?

16. Did any other witnesses in case subscribe to any of these publications? Has this been checked? Ie. Ruth Paine, de Morenschildts etc.

17. In the Lee and Marina Oswald correspondence turned over to the FBI by the Soviet Embassy, there are some peculiar letters, especially Lee's last letters reporting his Mexican visit. What does FBI make of each of these letters?

How does it appear to happen that sometimes Lee was practically illiterate and at other times (as for example in these letters) quite literate? What does FBI think of this?

18. Has the FBI interviewed the stenographer who typed Lee's MS on Russia? What does this report indicate? How much did he pay her?

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General Questions for FBI (cont. 3)

19. Has FBI checked out story appeared in paper of Oswald's intention to shoot Nixon?

20. Have they kept any track of Marina's moves and contacts since the assassination?

21. Was mail previously going to Ruth Paines for Oswald intercepted after the assassination?

22. Oswald in his Minsk diary complains about absence of entertainment in Minsk. Evidently he missed this. He also records he drank some there. How does one account for his lack of activity in the USA along these lines? Why the big change?

23. Has FBI paid any attention to money received by Marina? Where has it come from?

24. Various reporters interviewed Lee in Russia. Has the FBI since had occasion to interview these reporters on what they might know?

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Questions to FBI re New Orleans Fairplay for Cuba Incidents.

1. What was FBI agent's report on Oswald after his interview in New Orleans at Oswald's request?

2. Is anything inthe file regarding Oswald's interview by New Orleans TV station?

3. Were any checks made at the time to determine extent of Fair Play Committee's activities headed allegedly by one A.C. Hiddel? Was FBI interested? Did it make an investigation at this time?

   Did Oswald show FBI agent his membership card signed by Hiddel?

   What checks does FBI have on any anti-Castro, or pro-Castro groups or individuals in New Orleans?

4. What does the New Orleans police blotters show on this incident?

5. Were any checks made on similar pro-Castro groups in Dallas as a matter of interest surrounding the President's security in Dallas?

   By comparison, what is done in Miami or the Florida area in this regard when Kennedy frequently visited there?

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Questions to FBI re Mexican visit of Oswald

1. When did the FBI first gain knowledge of Oswald's visit to Mexico?

   When did they first gain knowledge of his absence from New Orleans?

   How did they find out he was in the Dallas area, and specifically how did they come to check with Ruth Paine?

2. When were they advised by any other agency that Os. was in Mexico?

   What did the border authorities do?

3. Prior to assassination were any of the other people friendly to Oswald (Paines, de Moreschildt's etc.) in FBI files? Why? What?

4. Did Oswald ever contact FBI in Dallas as he told Ruth Paine he would after she gave him Hosty's phone number?

5. Was the story that Oswald was recruited by FBI based entirely on the address and liscense plate number being in his address book ,and the interview in the car?

Questions to FBI re Oswald being agent.

1. Was FBI notified in 1961 when Marguerite visited Wash. that she thought he was an agent at that time?
2. When did they first get the word on this runour? What did they do about it?
3. After Oswald's return why did FBI agent ask him if he was an agent of any part of the government?

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Questions to FBI re Oswald-Ruby Possible Connections

1. What has FBI done to check all of Ruby's connections? What do they feel their jurisdiction is in this matter at present? Before President's commission?

2. What does the FBI know about Bob Considine's speculations that the murder or death of a former Ruby stripper had something to do with this case?

3. Any other links? How far has or will FBI go with these inquiries? When?

Questions to FBI re Oswald and his Marine Corps history

1. How thoroughly has his record in the MC been checked?

2. When did they first take an interest in his MC record?

3. Were they aware of his discharge when it happened?

4. What about runours that Oswald may have had a connection with a murder in Japan?

5. What are the details of his shooting himself in the MC. Was it accidental?

Questions to FBI re Oswald and his monetary income.

1. Since FBI report turned over to Commission has any more investigation been done by FBI on Oswald's income and outgo?

2. The newspapers repeatedly assert that he received regular, small amounts by money order from Western Union in Dallas and elsewhere. What is the basis of these rumours? How do they check-out?

3. Has FBI evaluated practicality of Oswald's paying back state dept. loan so promptly? How much was he receiving during these months from known sources? How much was he spending to live? How much would have been left over? Enough to pay this loan as he did?

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